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Railway Pay Increases for the Low Not the High Wage Classes.

The report of the Railroad Wage Commission recommending pay inreases estimated in amount at \$300,-000 000 is of wider range, more thorcall. It is of prime importance not 88,000,000 from 1915. only because of the huge sum which it proposes shall be distributed among increase in traffic rates which must be imposed on shippers to take care of those multiplied wages, but because of the determining effect it must have upon the adjustments and labor is employed.

osition that increasing cost of living must force bigher wages, whether or not mounting wages are themselves largely responsible for higher living costs. It is true as to the particular method which the Railroad Wage Commission lays down for the distribution of the \$300,000,000. In this respect the report is a sensation. By sum of \$300,000,000 is not going where the strong labor organizations, to the men of the higher pay in their fields. J. STONE of Missouri. to those who already have. On the employer than selfishly sacrificed by through no particular merit. organized labor.

It is the man of low wage who always suffers more from increased cost of living than the man of higher wage. The food of his family, their rent, Senator HITCHCOCK, but the insist by the threats of Count CZERNIN, who their clothes, their fuel, absorb so ence of the majority on adhesion to was sent on the mission to Jassy, part of his small wage that. in any event, there is only a slight margin left. In times like this the

make no greater mistake than to think he can escape the penalty which war will exact from his income as well as from the income of the rich man. The income of the rich man must go into the war furnace as high taxes. But part of the income of the poor man as well must be devoured. For the very reason that income never can mean anything economically but a share of production, the diminishing of normal reduction or the diversion of production into war's destruction-with less production to share-no part of the

community can escape. cost means—not enough bread production, not enough meat, not enough of enything normal to supply the normal demand. That is why it is true that lifting wages higher and higher will for every man in the United States. but if you don't raise more wheat there won't be a loaf of bread more dollars a day.

Nevertheless, while higher wages can never colve the problem, it cannot be gainsaid that when one class is getting more and more wages, convertible into what bread and meat and clothes do exist, the man of lower wage is sacrificed because he has less purchas ing power than he had before with which to bid for his bread and butter against the man who by organization, or force, or any other method, can

drive his wages up. The Railroad Wage Commission therefore, performing a national duty as few Government commissions would dare to perform it, has in two distinct ways made sure that the men of small wages shall get the mass of this \$300,000,000 of increase. The commission recommends the highest rcentage of increase to the men now on the lowest scale. It diminishes the percentage until it vanishes at the point where existing wages can still bear their share of the sacrifice

of war. The commission does more than that. In providing for the base from which the increase is to work upward dent, not merely on the successful

you get it all.

clerks (below \$900 a year), who di- is at hand. rided among themselves only \$72,464. The ultimate victory depends dividing among themselves only \$75,who were dividing last year \$74,420,- is no slowing down in either. 544, will divide now only \$78,896,200, because they already had gone up German Militarism Makes Another from 1915 nearly \$20,000,000.

Thus again it happens that 95,806 \$6,000,000.

han \$10,000,000.

130 to \$18,869,500 because they had of sabres. already gone up only \$1,000,000 from the base year. But 46,041 machinists

up some \$17,000,000. Thus it happens that 270,855 sec-1915 and from \$163,520,581 last year tory, the control of the army by the false and ecandalous report reflecting to \$187,474,992 now. But 30,177 road Teutonic allies and the reduction of on the members of the Red Cross 000,000 is of wider range, more thor- freight conductors to up from \$55.- Rumania to a state of vassalage to serving in France. She is typical of ough in detail and of clearer wisdom 969,885 to only \$57,382,408 because the Berlin Government. than anything of the kind that we re- they had already gone up more than

2,000,000 employees and the heavy to \$175 a month-who, under this northern part is retained by Aus- similar offenders in the future. readjustments of wages wherever will not go up to \$67.81. There is no the Wallachian and Moldavian plains. This is true as to the general prop- 1915 who, if he has not already had control of all the mountain passes some increase, will not go up to and strategic positions and also much \$105.75.

And so it goes all along the lower as anything can be.

Committee on Foreign Relations.

in the Senate has elected Senator Gir. All munitions of wer "shall be given hig wage increases usually go-to man of the Committee on Foreign Re- mand of the Teuton allied forces, lations to succeed the late William and they shall be "guarded by Eu-

There are several Senators better equipped for the delicate and all im- the Danube is provided. portant duties of chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee than is and Queen ELIZABETH were secured in '95 did to Spanish. Ponce was Ponthe seniority rule barred the Demo- that if they did not immediately ac crats among them from advancement, cept the trenty they would be deposed and the rigid partisanship which con- and a new dynasty headed by a Prustrols the majority denied a hearing to sian lordling substituted. What adds any suggestion which contemplated still more to the discredit of Gereverybody. The wage earner can the disregard of party lines and the many in the exaction of these severe selection of a capable Republican for

We trust that no Democratic statestransacting public business, or appeal- army into her power. ing to the American people for nonpartisanship in the conduct of public affairs, will be offended when his auditors snicker.

What Is Beating the U-Boat.

Vice-Admiral Sixs's declaration that the U-boat is being overcome. That is exactly what high living and that the time of our recovery signed than Germany sent an army from its destructiveness is at hand. made at a dinner given in honor of over their control by the capture of naval forces abroad on Wednesday. never solve the problem. You can put Treasury Department here on the country under German military rule. wages up to a thousand dollars a day same day, when it was announced She arrested members of the Cabinet that he can buy with his thousand been ordered, on account of "dimin- even one Ukrainian in a Ministerial ishing effectiveness of the submarine capacity. campaign." The rate was 61/2 per cent. in August, and it has been com- this severity was that the "Governing down gradually since then, reflecting the gratifying progress that though, as disclosed from the furhas been made in fighting the undersea craft.

Sims was of particular interest be- Central Powers had demanded the cause of the confidence he displayed in the ability of the Allies and the per cent. of the wheat. The peasant United States to replace ships that farmers refused to accede to these

ached its highest point in April of troops were reported to have killed steadily down.

"In the meantime the new tonnage constructed by the Allies has been gradually increasing until the corner has nearly been tured, and we hope within the next fortnight the construction in

destruction. "We feel assured that the time of our recovery has come."

Thus, the "recovery" of which the as they advanced. American commander spoke is depenit goes back to 1915. If your in- continuance of the military methods it, you don't get any more. If your military and industrial factors work that attempted to oppose her progress. increase from that base is 30 per cent. together; the anti-submarine war Her intention now is to definitely es-

and you haven't had any since 1915, craft do something, and the ship- tablish herself in northern Europe yards do something. Between them by erecting Finland into a princi-Now, the higher ranks of labor in the weapon on which Germany relied pality with a German Prince as ruler. the railroad field, the members of the has already been rendered powerless She lies at the gates of both Petrostrong labor organizations, already to accomplish its purpose, and the grad and Moscow merely awaiting an have had theirs, or a good part of day on which its sinkings will be excuse to force their seizure. Noththeirs. Thus it happens that 111,000 more than offset by new launchings ing could better show the fear and ut-

508 in the base year, and who were unabating zeal in the navy and the shippards. It is as necessary in one 942.591 last year, go up now to \$102.- as in the other, and the developments Ukraine must disarm. He knows only 174,956. But 74,918 car inspectors, of the recent past indicate that there

Peace.

What kind of a peace would a triclerks (\$900 a year and upward), who umphant German militarism make? livided among themselves only \$108.- Timid souls with a leaning toward 128,648 in the base year and who pacifism have professed a belief in phant German militarism is. There were dividing among themselves the sincerity of Germany for a just are precedents for the course Geronly \$117,858,518 last year, go up peace as reiterated in recent reports many has taken with Rumania and now to \$145,689,846. But 22,244 yard from Europe and have ventured the Russia in German history; in the engineers and motormen go up from prediction that her lust for territory Prussian aggression against Austria \$39,980,476 in 1917 to only \$41,215,873 and greed for conquest were mere in 1866, when a victorious army denow, because they had already gone hostile estimates and that there yet re- manded most of Austria as its reup from the base year of 1915 some mains in the German Empire a strong ward; in 1871, when a victorious Gercontrolling human element in the man army despoiled France of her Thus again it happens that 130,000 German people and the German legis- provinces. The German people and 891,421,913 to \$112,095,418; but 37,- and to any one desirous of knowing nothing to do but to accept the army's 954 road freight engineers and motor- what a German military peace means dictation in matters of peace. Germen go up only from \$79,994,887 to we commend the careful reading of many makes only a military peace. \$80,394,731 because they had already the treaty with Rumania and a study she knows no other, and that is the gone up from the base year more of the German course in Ukraine, kind, the same kind that she has which she wheedled into a peace given Rumania, Ukraine and Russia. Thus again it happens that 21,915 treaty, and in Russia, from which that she now is endeavoring to force ther employees go up from \$14,590. she exacted a treaty by the rattling on the western front.

The treaty with Rumania, a sum- A Falsehood Comes Home to Boost. mary of the text of which has just | The Federal Grand Jury in this disgo up from \$64,282,444 to only \$66. been received in America, aims at trict has made a presentment to Dis-120,601 because they had already gone | the impoverishment of the country | trict Judge Hand based on the utterby the appropriation of all its re- ances of a New England woman physources by Germany, the deprivation sician who had recklessly, but appartion men go up from \$122,460,792 in of some of its most valuable terri- ently without evil intent, repeated a

recommendation, may not get one tria and Germany. Rumania is thus cent more because they have already entirely cut off from the Black Sea had opportunities denied to most of had it. But there is no man whose and the port of Constanza is lost to us, swallowed whole and repeated have followed the lead that hundreds pay was \$46 a month in 1915 who, if her. On the north the Austro-Hun- evidently in good faith a story so he has not already had an increase. garian border is pushed down into man whose pay was \$74 a month in The Dual Monarchy thus secures the thousands who are eagerly listening of the valuable mineral lands and part of the petroleum fields. The scales. And this is right-as right Central Powers had already taken possession of oll producing wells in the interior of the country.

The terms require the demobiliza tion of the Rumanian army except The Democratic steering committee divisions required for guard duty. WERT M. HITCHCOCK of Nebraska chair- into the custody of the supreme commanian troops under the supervision Mr. HITCHCOCK's promotion is due of the allied command." The right contrary, the bulk of this \$300,000,000 to the fortuitous circumstance that of the Central Powers to requisition is going, as it ought to go, to the little he was the senior Democratic member food supplies as well as oil and oil fellows who, truth to tell, have been of the Committee on Foreign Rela- products is secured. The activity of no less coldbloodedly neglected by the tions, a post which he attained the Rumanian navy is limited, and the right of German, Bulgarian and Austrian gunboats to free passage of

> The signatures of King FERDINANI man hereafter arising to plead for sian officials, who under the guise of reform in the Senate's methods of friendship betrayed the Rumanian be simply killing.

The treatment of Ukraine by Ger many has been no less harsh. The provocation was, however, not so great, for Ukraine had not been aligned as her enemy, and Germany had promised assistance in the peaceful establishment of the new state No sooner, however, was the treaty into the coast provinces and took cide ultimately a plaguey problem. the officers and men of the American Odessa and Sebastopol. She then fortified her hold upon the state by seiz- who had been run into by a car would received the indorsement of the ing the capital, Klev, and placing the be offset by the vote of the man who reasons having nothing to do with patriat Washington that a reduction from and Rada, whom she considered un-3 per cent, to 2 per cent, in war risk favorable to her, and has just set up insurance on hulis and cargoes had a Government in which there is not York contributed \$3,017,250 to the Lib-

The excuse offered by Berlin for ment was too weak." Its. weakness ther reading of the official statement, consisted in its inability to supply The announcement of Vice-Admiral Germany with cereal products. The entire store of some grains and 85 have been and will be lost. He said: demands and arose in revolt. In repressing these uprisings German last year. It has since been going all the food stores in many of the

rebellious districts. The ink was scarcely dry on the Brest-Litovsk treaty before Germany turned loose her "glorious allies," the Turks, to complete the occupation of the aggregate will beat the rate of verted to their former methods of occupation, murdering the Armenians and other Christian races and destroying their homes and possessions

Germany immediately resumed her occupation of the Russian Baltic provinces and she has completed the subgrease from that base of 1915 is 10 adopted to suppress the U-boats, but jection of Finland by the destruction That mothers of America per cent., and you have already had on the building of new ships. The of the poorly equipped Finnish army We bar the Kalser's gery path per cent., and you have already had on the building of new ships. The of the poorly equipped Finnish army

OUR AMERICAN ARTISTS. Mr. Blashfield Tells What They Are

members of the Red Guard upon a reflection upon the patriotism of crossing into Russian territory from American painters. Nothing could be more unfair than too well that the German forces al-ready on the Ukraine frontier are seeking an excuse for continuing their march to Moscow. He disarms his

fighting into the Russian Republic." This is what a peace by a triumstation service employees go up from lative bodies. To such timid souls the German legislative bodies have painter Barry Faulkner in our first

a great number of gossips, male and All of Dobrudia is grabbed; the female, and the punishment inflicted southern part, which was ceded by on her is mild in comparison with her There are men in the railway em- Bulgaria at the end of the Baikan offence, and unquestionably milder ploy-men getting not more than \$150 war, is restored to that country, the than that which will be visited on

This woman, educated and having wildly improbable that none except a fool would accept it; yet there are to such varns and retelling them with all the confidence a mathematician would display in referring to the multiplication table. Not all of them are ignorant; unfortunately not all of them are so placed that their utterances can be traced and their falseness exposed.

This incident will have an excellent effect if it causes citizens to weigh silent on subjects concerning which latter class are included all reports which come to a cusual friend from "- man who knows, but doesn't want his name used."

American troops in France bring baseball slang into war. The "Boches" are "bushers." It is not inconceivable that Boche will be busher in the French and British vocabulary also after a while, if one but recalls what once in one brief nunchy syllable and even the natives called it that.

an acute indigestion by a rising market in which he was long is to be is safe in giving the precise prescripterms is the fact that the defeat of tion. Just then a dyspeptic but po-Rumania was largely due to Ger- tent manipulator, short on the marmany's connivance with corrupt Rus- ket, might decide to take the cure breaking prices. The result would

Our guns will speak their reply to he attempt of the Entente to place upon us responsibility for the continua-tion of the struggle.—A German Under

With twenty nations on the Allied eth-it might be well for the German

Chairman Basuch will have to de or a passenger automobile? It seems probable that the vote of the citizen had been pestered by a piano. But otism. The time allowed to contribu-there are—there really must be—tors was too short. Figure pictures of there are-there really must be-

York contributed \$3,017.250 to the Lib-erty Loan, or 276 per cent. more than special exhibition is, to many artists. their quota. This was a very effective rendering of "The Star Spangled trollable of situations.

The constitution of Portugal probably will be revised, somewhat on the lines of that of the United States.—The news "Making the world safe for democ-

That Representative in Congress not a real friend of France who pro- no possible reflection on any senders, for effect, to repudiate a debt to an ally.

The Non-Conservation of Negatives. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: On a back road near White Plains an offer to pay for a glass of milk met with this reply: "I never make no practice of charging nobody nothing for no JAMES S. SHEA. MILTON, Mass., May 9.

Mothers' Day. It's Mothers' Day on May the twelfth, When we who fight the Huns Are seked to give our thoughts & To those who give their sons; soldier's thinking all the time About the woman dear Who cradled him, and it is for

In stricken France and Belgium And daughters torn away.

Her sake that we are here.

ought forth a mouse? Bocker-It was the Peak of Produc

poing in War Work and Explains the Postponement of an Exhibition. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The postponement of the projected "Exhibiter helplessness of the Russians than tion of Patriotic Pictures" at the Naa recent order of Thornky that all tional Arts Club has been instanced as

own troops so that there will be no H. Thayer in protective coloration, was formed for the promotion of interest in "justification for transferring the

camouflage.
The executive committee, received hundreds of letters from artists in all parts of the country offering service. Punils of art schools in different States of the Union began to drill; ground was offered for camouflage camps; until the military authorities said, what we are as yet able to formulate as a programme for your activities." August the Government did formulate a programme and established military received by me from the distinguished camouflage unit on the firing line commences: "I have a half hour of the usual evening rumpus begins."

Hundreds of artists are among the

Fry and H. D. Thrasher, both sculptors, are in the same unit, and Robert Aitken also a distinguished sculptor, has a captain's commission. There are 250 names of artists upon the National Arts piece goods and other imports has been Club Artists War Emergency Fund list although this list as yet only covers few of the States of the Union in which sub-committees have been formed for the Artists War Emergency Fund. Last spring at least forty artists,

architects, sculpters and painters, men of distinction, busy men, gave weeks of their daylight hours under the leadership of Cass Gilbert to decorating the city three separate times for the visits of the French, Franco-British, the Italian and the Japanese war

Quite lately more than a hundred very large landscapes have been painted as range finding targets. Messrs. II. Robinson, Miss E. Mabel Clarke and Mrs. leaders in this movement. So many these range finders will be furnished. The Academy of Design is busy with has painted more than forty, Mr. Chauncey F. Ryder being particularly The Federation of Arts of New York and the Sculpture Society under at an early moment a census of artists for war work. The Association of Alumni of the American Academy in Rome is fathering a most useful scheme for keeping artist-soldiers supplied with letters, that shall give them home news as to what is going on along their own professional lines. The staff and pupils of the School of Rome itself are busy carefully what they hear, and to keep for Italy in the hospitals and canteen of the peninsula. The Society of Mural they have no knowledge; and in the Painters is preparing for the decoration clubs here and abroad. Lieutenant on naval posters, while Mosers, Mackey, Toch, Buttinger, Jerome Brush, with nany others, have done naval camouflage on land and sea. As for the men Publicity under that model chairman, C. D. Peters, at once so forceful and so moderate, they have voluntarily contributed more than five hundred posters the American invasion of Porto Rico Under the recommendation of the division, eight artists, among whom is spare not. Shall a mere police regulathe, in two soft syllables, until the Ernest Peixotto, have been commissioned tion be allowed to interfere with a high-Yankee came along. Then it became as captains and sent abroad to study ly important detail?

All artists are welcome at the weekly Friday. Dutch treat dinner at Keen's

Any who go there will find not lack of patriotiem but an interest at white doubly congratulated, but no doctor heat. They will soon acknowledge that the nominal cleavage between illustrapatriotism is in question. They will see at table dozens of Riustrators, and to by a turning operation, so to say; by cite at hazard a few among many other artists they will find the painters Volk,

and the sculptors Bartlett and Macmonnies. They will see that if Pennell the illustrator, makes posters, so does Daniel Chester French, the sculptor, and that Herbert Adams, who, as president of the Academy of Design, represents line-Nicaragua making the twenti- all branches of art, is a constant visitor and worker. The note of discord, so eagerly listened for by some who are curious of sensation, sounds, even in peace time, much less loudly than is at all, it is non-existent, all are in accord, all are pulling together.

The exhibition at the Arts Club of patriotic pictures was postponed for thought, money and above all, time The Allied Music Trades of New time for elaboration, for experiment and at all times, one of the most uncon

Imagination often refuses to make date and must be waited upon, yet in spite of the shortness of the time there a guarantee of good work sent can-vases: Hassam, Weir, Volk, Cooper Hawthorne, Tack, Butler, Ritschel Chapman (whose fine helmeted soldier see) were contributors. There can be by legislation to invite her, in there was no regular choice made, no definite vote of acceptance. The jury walls of the Arts Club next winter, but it felt that as a response to a great call a great impression from a large number of adequate contributions should be

Hence the postponement; but is no the above enumeration of the activities of the artists a sufficient proof that patriotism is not lacking to them? EDWIN HOWLAND BLASHPIELD, NEW YORK, May 9.

Buy Them Anyway.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Th War Savings Stamp slogan is "Lick War Savings Stamps and Help Lick the Kaiser." May I suggest another slogawith a "kick" in it? How is this one, Paste the Kaiser by Pasting War Savngs Stamps"" A PASTER. NEW YORK, May 9.

Knicker-What was the mountain tha

TRADE IN THE ORIENT.

The annual review of the Far East made by the Hongkong and Shanghal Banking Corporation of Hongkons. China, which is taken as the chief authoritative review of Oriental trade. shows exceptionally favorable financial conditions in Far Eastern countries dur ing 1917. While the unfavorable effect larly as regards shipping, conditions in China, Japan and India were such as to give very favorable returns for the year Of the trade for China the report says: "Notwithstanding the many disabili ties, such as exchange fluctuations, po-

litical disturbances, floods and shortage

it has been carried on during the past

year, trade in China has been on the whole satisfactory for both foreign and native merchants. The world's production of raw materials being now barely sufficient for the world's needs, it is no surprising that the demand for the produce of central and northern Chinacereals, cotton, wool, oils and hidesrate of exchange, freight and insurance "In former years a higher level of exchange tended to curtail exports from rapine, even of crasy humans, but the China, but this was not so in 1917, and European and American buyers have this side. It is to be noted also that of Chinese produce which before the war found a market only in Europe. chant has received higher prices for for many years past. He has therefore been able to pay the higher prices re-

ROULETTE AND THE WAR. What Is the Gambling Law When the Devil Drives!

satisfactory."

considering the difficulties experienced

in the supplying markets, the trade in

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! It appears from Julius Beeman's letter potential disturber of organizations. published in THE SUN that an adaptation of the same of roulette to the business of collecting money for the Government has proved highly successful gravity unrealized; indeed the offender in some Western towns and he urges or essential criminal may be entirely pleased with himself yet clos or vitiate

THE SUN, however, objects to this on an entire collective enterprise, the ground that it would be gambling. Is not this a case of straining at a gate and swallowing a sawmill? The tolerance of fools, blunderers, cranks business in hand, as I understand it, is and potential trouble makers. This the destruction of the German military laissez faire attitude is perhaps expower. To this end it is essential that cusable during the flood tides of prosperity. At the present time we are Ten Commandments as a whole, to say at war (amazing as it may seem to nothing of minor points of the moral that variety of boobs or conspirators. law, and if it be that a little gambling self-entitled "pacifists"), and we are will help, is it not oversqueamish to set fighting for our existence as a nation against an implacable, conscienceless tion to it?

tary fairs," so called, which were held at the time of the civil war for the purernment, and I well remember how the question of the alleged impropriety of it was threshed out at that time in prayer meetings all over the land, ber, something after the following fashion: Gambling is not ethical, but it is not immoral per se. There is no divine

edict prohibiting it. But even suppos-War is hell and in hell there is no moral law. We kill men and destroy their property in order to win. Why stand on a scruple which is of doubtful au-So we gambled and raised the money and won the war. If the purists were

not convinced they were at least effectively silenced. It would be idle to expect the work to stop on each seventh day that the Sabbath should be kept holy. We slay and

GESTURES.

A Physical Explanation of an Oratorical Phenomenon.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The inquiry of your correspondent "Why do speakers gesticulate?" is easy to an-

Speakers need to inhale much mor

largely than conversers; they need to

exhale with much more force. Gestures therefore, may be divided into two kinds. the opening gesture, in which the arms are brought upward and forward, thus which makes it easy to take in a big breath, and the closing gesture, in which the arms are brought backward and downward, thus hollowing in the backbone and crushing the collapsible framework of the chest against the abdom inal viscers held firm by the straight up and down muscles of the abdomen. Subsidiary reasons are that the way ing of the arms attracts and holds the eye of the listener, and also the motions may be more or less pantomimic or ilsciously, the public speaker uses his arms in order to get in plenty of breath and to expel it with more pressure than in ordinary conversation. It is possible ticulates by merely listening; it isn't necessary to look NORTHPORT, May 9.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES. Suggestion for the Storage Compa-

nies to Consider. TO THE POITOR OF THE BUN-Sir: Son of our safe deposit companies might human appeal, in degree the spiritual keep open for business a couple of hours passion; there are those who deliberately one night each week.

I think a safe deposit box costs about \$3 a year, and I am sure the companie would be well paid for their trouble, as inevitable sacrifice. the savings banks now are, by the patronage of a large class of people who cannot avail the aselves of this necessary convenience during regular banking hours. JOSEPH C. WHITE.

The Death Flight. Now read the tale of the plane that fie When her pilots both were dead, Two hours sloft in the vaulted blue When the life of them had fied.

And she sent them crashing low But not till the foe revenged his loss In the life blood's crimson flow. Then sweeping south as she rocked ti Away from their sight she wheeled,

Till west of Arras by twenty mile She fell in the friendly field. The riderless horse returns unled. But he brings no master back. But the plane that flew with her pilots

Brought both on the homeward track.

THE FOOL AS A MENACE TO THE COMMONWEALTH.

Some Extracts From a Dissortation on the Ever Present and Ever Pernicious Lockwit.

talities who, under even the most

favorable circumstances, menace wel-

fare, but during periods of unusua

mits strange and unpredicable acts, often hurtful to others.

realize the gravity of one of the most

constant and ubiquitous menaces to

even of national growth. A social act

committed may then be wholly un-

recognized by the community, its

The outstanding characteristic of

the American people is an easygoing

vigilant and thoroughly organized foe.

pass in and out among us, unrecog

nized and cesseless in their determina-

tion and zeal to work the destruction

of not only our nationality but our

worthy, inexcusable, unless we co-operate to appraise every individual

Every citizen conscious of personal

licate uncertainties.

From an article by J. Madison Taylor, A. B., M. D., professor of applied therapeutics, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., in the Medical Times.

In every community there is an as- | granted to cranks, irreconcilables, insortment of dubious, unreliable menconsistent ones. That medieval re-

ligiosity which conferred a tender confiding, all enfolding sympathy upon the wittess and the bizarre is an outworn folly or dangerous delusion Such disturbers of social order are lunatics, incapable of being correlated forts at conserving resources during war could we be sure of the sanity, with organised society. They are prod-ucts of the criminal negligence of those who should know better; who those on whom we most depend for may possess but do not exercise fore-sight, judgment or wisdom. If such cooperation or responsibility. All will agree on giving fair attention that the culpable persons are not experts in most dangerous of created beings is mental confusions and obliquities they vious reason we can predicate the be-havior of fierce animals, beasts of none the less are blameworthy in fallcepting proffered or available recom-mendations and carrying out adequate fool may escape detection, or even precautionary measures. To be sure. suspicion, while enjoying full liberty of action. He may commit at the nick of any exigency some grievous we must endure and make the best and imbeciles till we come to a realizsin of commission, or more likely of and imbedies till we come to a realiz-

programme or social, or political, or military, or industrial scheme off its able precautions. Fertunately wisdom—though lingers"—is exhibiting signs healthy growth. The remedy for at A fool may be described as one who such human perils is in our own hands, and attempts are being made exhibits, among other anomalies, in-ability to fit automatically into his to safeguard ourselves against the so when conditions are, and remain, peculiarly favorable, and when reour military surgeons, through comacting to disturbing influences com-

nissions on mental hygiene. We, as a nation, have been the first to employ mental (psychlatric) exrotics" from our recruits. Surgeon responsibility owes it to himself to Generals Gorgas and Braisted deserve vast credit for developing this enor mously important project upon a systhe Commonwealth, and this is the

One brief reference to this military mental hygiene and then let us pass on to the broader subject. This special section of the medical department of the army has evolved a plan whereby every man is examined by experis (of whom there are more than 200 of the very best in our service), and the recruits are being rated so as to guide in selection or adaptation for the average intelligence and mental alertness.

This evaluation greatly assists in decisions for promotions in different lines. Most important of all, however, is the determination furnished for degrees and kinds of personal limits tions or deficiencies, whereby to simplify the work assigned, such as manual or other irresponsible labors, or to eliminate the individuals from gov ernmental responsibility.

Let me direct attention to the ob-

vious fact that such a mental rating is equally important for citizens in every department of civilian life, professional, communal or industrial. It is suicidal folly to shield from, or deny entrusted with responsibility, and to to, even our families and friends, such sift the safe from the unsafe; the a frank assessment.

"The Federal Committee on Clinical Methods and Standardization of Examina-tion and Reports has a sub-committee on "Mental Hygiene War Work" composed of blithering optimists that there al-ways must be a considerable latitude twelve members, among them the best psychiatrists in the United States.

THE CHAGRES RIVER. the Minimum.

From the Panama Canal Record lowest stage of the Chagres River at Alhajuela during the 1918 dry reading public here that, owing to our season was reached on April 7, 8, 9 participation in the great war, no Britcharge was 466 cubic feet a second, at cals are being received. This may of a surface elevation of 91.13 feet.

except 1910 the lowest stage of the 1916, no German publications of any during the month of April. The average date of the lowest flow has been

The least momentary flow of record rived in this country. at Alhajuela is 250 cubic feet a second, momentary discharge of record, 180,000 1909, it will be seen that the maximum beclute minimum flow of record at this station.

The minimum river height at Vigia is owing to the extreme scarcity of paper. approximately 126 feet.

THEY DIE FOR MANKIND. The Soldiers of Our Armies Fight for All Men.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Ser: It was interesting to read in THE SUN May 7, first page, morning issue, the following:

battlefield, whether they are professing Christians or not, will be saved, Dr. John Thompson, secretary of the City Mission and Church Extension Society, told "Those men are, in my opinion, as truly dying for mankind as did Jesus Christ,"

Cuicago, May 6 .- Men who die on the

It is a matter of no little wonder to me that in the many direct and indirect appeals to Americans for money and moral backing this pertinent point and inspiring and regenerative comparion has been seldom drawn. Surely is not sacrilege. In the analogy the conditions are not dissimilar. Again in world's tragedy there is the thoroughly gnore the light and once again the apostles of light who sleep in the garden while the master man faces the

Those Americans who have read Donald Hankey's "A Student in Arms" will the better comprehend. The ending of an appeal I made last fall in the Y. M. C. A. war fund drive will further llustrate:

"Nearly 1900 years ago the Son Man gave His life for the peace that title such paltry distinctions seem passeth all understanding; now 1900 years later the sons of men are giving their lives for the peace of the world. Shall those of he who stand in awe o the crucifizion, who revile those who with uplifted hand, stand by to-day mut and unmoved while our men go forth to the supreme sacrifice? The answer is in the heart of every true American."

E. E. L. TAYLOR. NEW YORK, May 9.

The Alternative. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Uncle

flying machines: "Plane or explain." FRANK A. EGAN. NEW ROCHELLS, May 1.

FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS. Its Maximum Discharge Is 720 Times Not a Weekly Shipment Has Been

Lost in the War. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: There may not be due to German propaganda In every year of the past ten years engendered by the fact that since April, ported for the exclusive use of the United States Government and some of the leading American dailies-have at

It is a very different story with regard which occurred on April 20 and 21, to British and French daily newspapers 1912. Compared with the greatest weeklies and monthlies. These have been coming over in bulk with remarkable cubic feet a second, on December 26, regularity, and it is worthy of co ment that since the day when Great entary discharge of record at Britain declared war on Germany n Albajuela is 720 times as great as the a single weekly shipment of British and French publications consigned to their American agents, the International News The maximum river height at Vigia Company, \$3-85 Duane street, has been lost. As on this side, however, and prices have been raised considerable but the imperturbable manner in which our allies are publishing their news papers and magazines is additional tribute to their ability to "carry on" the face of innumerable and unlooked

F. A. JONES NEW YORK, May 9. ON STARTING A LETTER.

for difficulties.

Is "Dear Sirs" to Be Preferred "Gentlemen" I TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT am filling temporarily the humble pos of correspondent for a business firm at receive a great many letters hearing the prefix "Gentlemen," instead of "Frea! feel themselves able to confer this ditinction is beyond me, as not one of

them ever sees the persons they to confidently address as "Gentlemen For all they know we may the New Yorker in Byron Rufus Newton's immortal poem, "Vulgar of manbred"; the veriest muckers, in fact, 365 they bestow on us their accolade "getlemen," because, forsooth, we sell to or

order from them salted codfish, assorted stove lids or some other beastly truck How absurd! Why cannot they a dress their letters properly, "Dear sil's and not betray their ignorance. then when I go into a shop, say, for dozen shoestrings, I am told to ask the "gentleman" at the shoe counter. Mer . When Adam dolve and Eve span who was then the gentleman?" To one possessing a really ancient and honorable

able. I am, sir, THE DUKE OF BILLINGSGATE. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 9.

The Name of the War.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIL ME Edward N. Teall in a communication THE SUN BAYS: "No name that has besuggested for the war seems quite a neat and complete as the War fence of Civilization." While the for the great war suggested by Teall is a good one, what can be be than this, "The War for World lie me racy"? The name implies the princil Sam's message to the makers of his for which the Ailies are fighting Will disguise it with another name?

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